

Meeting Date: January 3, 2011

Item No:

Department: City Attorney

Issue: police powers for assistant fire marshal

Summary: Fire Marshal Ted Anderson already has police powers (issue warrants, arrest, etc.) and wants his assistant Andy Powers to have them as well. Mr. Powers is already exposed to the same occupational hazards as Mr. Anderson. There are two ways to grant police powers: by appointment by the Circuit Judge, or by authorization of Council. Because of a discrepancy in state administrative code, judicial appointment would require a five month law enforcement training program, while council appointment requires a two month program—which is significantly less expensive.

Attachments: Code of Virginia section 27-34.2:1
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Recommendations: Approve a motion granting Assistant Fire Marshal Andy Powers the same police powers as a sheriff, police officer or law-enforcement officer, pursuant to Code of Virginia section 27-34.2:1.